

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~invention~~ application relates to a method of determining whether an encoded signal has been encoded with a particular type of encoder. The ~~invention~~ application also relates to a server station being arranged to carry out such a method.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

It is an object of the ~~invention~~ application to provide an alternative method and arrangement for determining whether an encoded signal has been encoded with a particular type of encoder.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

These and other objects are achieved with the method in accordance with the ~~invention~~ application, which method comprises the steps of: receiving at least a part of said encoded signal; decoding the received signal using a decoder which performs the reverse operation of said particular type of encoder, deriving a fingerprint from the decoded signal; comparing said fingerprint with fingerprints stored in a database; and concluding that the encoded signal has been encoded with said particular type of encoder if the derived fingerprint corresponds to one of the fingerprints stored in the database.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

An advantageous application of this method is promotion of a particular signal encoder. In order to promote its "xxx" signal encoding algorithm, company X offers owners of its xxx-encoder the possibility to upload (parts of) their .xxx files to the company's website. Using the method according to the ~~invention~~ application, the company's web-server checks whether the received file is indeed xxx-encoded material and in the affirmative case awards the owner. A possible award is the

transmission, to the user, of metadata associated with the signal such as title, artist, lyrics, etc.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 4, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~invention~~ application can be ~~summarized~~ summarized as follows. In order to promote its "xxx" signal encoding algorithm, company X offers users of a particular encoder (21) the possibility to upload (parts of) their .xxx files to the company's website. The company's web-server (1) checks whether the received file is indeed xxx-encoded material by (i) decoding the file using an xxx-decoder (11), (ii) deriving a fingerprint (12) from the decoded signal, and (iii) awarding the owner if the derived fingerprint corresponds to one of the fingerprints stored in X's database (14). A possible award is the transmission, to the user, of metadata associated with the signal such as title, artist, lyrics, etc.

Please add the following paragraph on page 4, line 19:

The invention has been described with reference to the preferred embodiments. Modifications and alterations will occur to others upon a reading and understanding of the preceding detailed description. It is intended that the invention be construed as including all such modifications and alterations insofar as they come within the scope of the appended claims or the equivalents thereof.